

*Yes, I'm sure it was Sand People. Look, there's gaffe sticks, Banta tracks, and a copy of

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GAME OPENING

Last time I mentioned Dave Marshall's opening and referred you to his subzine within for details. But ha! No DOWN'N'DIRTY was to be printed! SO, here is a more noticeable notice. Dave has three week openings for a paltyr \$3.50 or so, no sub fee at all. Write Dave at 1547 Maplegrove Road, South Euclid, OH 44121.

FOLDS reported of Tetracuspid and LeFrontdeFraud, along with the hoped-for fold of Field of Failure have all proven to be illusionary. Kovalcik is still at his usual schedule of 5 per year; "B.O." is still putting his slander out, it's just that hardly anyone is still getting his puke; and Phil C. Fry motivated himself to put out a fifth issue ince last fall.

STEVE HEINOWSKI IS A CARRIER, and admits to it. He is not to be confused then, with mere postal clerks. He really is a hotshot carrier. Koffland is the postal clerk then, I guess.

ROD WALKER hasn't sent me anything in a while, but his friend HIRAM WALKER has come out with something even better than those strangely-named publications Rod so profusely produces. It's called AMARETTO & COGNAC, and is excellent. It is the ONLY hard liquor I have ever found which is palatable for drinking even STRAIGHT. (Most straight stuff tastes like its cousin, paint remover). I highly recommend you get some of this, if not for yourself, then for your wife or girlfriend. They'll like it (women seem to have better taste in liquor than most men, probably because they don't feel the need to show how they can chug Tequila and other nonsensical trash, but just go by intrinsic merit instead), and getting the women to drink is what most of you are after anyhow, right? As you know, my usual preference is for the light Canadian blends (True Americans would drink nothing but Canadian Club), but I've gone through half of a third bottle of this while my latest CC sits as yet unopened.

RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN, better named RUSSIAN VICTORY, is getting annoying. The only chance I can see against Gary Howe's decent defense, or most any logical defense, is to try Fluff Shaffer's massive push strategy, and in a test vs that here last weekend, even the great Fluff died in the wasteland between ~~Constitution~~ and ~~New Jersey~~ Vitebsk and the OUTER defenses of the capital. Does ANYONE have a decent-chance German strategy for this seemingly hopeless situation?

BRUX LINSEY has decided to go jousting against the really big windmills in the hobby, John Boardman in the latest VD (#37). Bruxus challenges the other to a \$100 bet that a majority of hobby zine publishers would support fakes rather than oppose them. I cannot imagine John accepting, since a near majority of hobby publishers might vote against him no matter what the bet was on, just to embarrass him (Tretick has 6 votes alone...), but it will be interesting to see what John has to say in reply. If any of you get regular GRAUSTARKs, I'd appreciate a xerox of his reply (if any). Mine used to come ev ery 6 weeks in a bundle, but with third class so high now, I don't know when I'll

JOHN'S NOTES

MARK BERCH DEPT.:

Here comes another hot-as-hell summer! Almost hit 100 the 8th it will today the 9th. Had to finally break down and turn on the AC last night.

see anymore. Maybe when the bundle exceeds 6 or 8 ounces?

The family has taken off for California to see some inlaws, Disneyland, the ocean, and stuff like that, while old dad with no vacation due this year sits back and works. (And drinks Amaretto & Cognac). It is certainly nice to be able to allocate your time the way YOU see fit for a change. Once you're married with kids, your time is rarely, if ever, your own, unless you adopt one of those aloof stances and do nothing more than pet the kids on the head when you come home and try to remember their names. (All you need is a wife dumb enough to put up with that. Damn few such knotheads left anymore). So, with them gone, I got 25 fenceposts put in out back, some garage work done, a lot of housecleaning done, AND, this issue plus last put out without complaints about the sound of typing long into the night, etc. It's nice alone, when you can go ahead and vacuum at 1130 pm if you like, or burn trash as the morning paper is being delivered at 2am, or cook whatever you like. When alone, I don't do like Pilant and live on pot pies; I cook up GOOD stuff. Claudine goes nuts at the smell of some of my favorites, like fried baloney with onions in better on toast with lots of catsup, so while they've been gone, I've had it three times. (Cut the baloney into chips first. The only stuff you leave in large slices is liversausage, if you're trying to lightly fry that, and you need to watch your onions then.) The house will be clean until two minutes after they arrive, then its back to the usual slobiness. Oh well. Last night I did move the big wargame table back upstairs from the center of the den, so she won't instantly say "Aha, so THAT'S what you've been up to!" The only thing about being alone is that some female presence would be comfy for a few hours at night, but other than that, it is more exhilarating to go your own route. The dogs are lonely without the kids, though.

THE SPACE SHUTTLE was in town for an overnight visit in early May. (No, make that late April). Claudine took the kids to see it from the roof of her office which is across from Tinker AFB where it landed. The folks who tried going through the base off I-40 had a long wait, and many were turned away without getting in at all. I skipped it myself, but the next day it took off flying south, and was thus easily visible out our back windows. My daughter spotted it before it got very high, and then it turned to pass south of the house in a long slow move. We got a good view of it then by going out onto the front lawn. Nice of NASA to provide me such good service.

LAST CHANCE FOR THE LEADER POLL coming up quick! I have once again attached a ballot to the back of this issue if you care to use it; if you haven't yet voted, please consider filling this thing out and mailing it RIGHT AWAY. It may take a while to get to John, and the deadline is the end of June. RATE each zine you get from 0 to 10, 10 being best, by any standard you like. Rate each zine you're familiar with, and ignore those you have never heard of. You may rate GMS the same way, but list them BY NAME. Subzines may be listed and voted on separately. Address is on the form, and an 18¢ stamp will get it there. YOU MUST USE AN ENVELOPE; you cannot send those looseleaf deals like DOT HAPPY published. They MIGHT get through, just as a "B" stamp might get through, but better not to chance it. Don't use B stamps. Feel free to add any zines I've forgotten. But please DO send in your choices. This does make a difference to a lot of people.

NONSENSE is what adds the flavor to this thing that most people like. My stock from work and prior contributions is just about out now. Please use the junk in this issue as a SAMPLE of the type of thing to look for, and when you see it, I hope you'll think "Hey, that's the kind of wierd shit that BRUTUS BULLETIN always has". Right. So send me a copy so we can all enjoy it. Your name will not be used if you so request, and half the time I forget who sent what anyhow....

ANOTHER BOX OF OLD ASSORTED DIPZINES IS FOR SALE. This is a slightly smaller box, and I'm offering it first to the readership rather than to the "usual customer" who has bought the last 2 or 3 boxes. I get damn near everything published in the hobby. Send \$3 and I'll bundle it up 4th class and send them to you, a couple of POUNDS of curent zines for the price of a sub to half of one. And I promise I won't have to ~~use~~ phone cord to tie it with the way I once sent a bundle to Ben Schilling either. I've ~~swiped~~ found some decent plastic tape, finally. THIS BOX should include my last copy of the ~~same~~ ~~same~~

INTERMEDIATES GROW

Autumn 1908: Turkey NRR, GM retreats A Serbia off the board

Winter 1908: England builds A Edinburgh, F Liverpool; Germany removes A Wales, F Baltic; Italy builds A Venice, F Rome; Turkey NBR, plays one unit short

Spring 1909:

AUSTRIA (Blant): A SER S RUSSIAN A Rum-Bul; A Bud-RUM; A ALB-Gre;
F TUN-Ion; A Tri-VIE

ENGLAND (Kirchner): F Lvp-WAL; F Lon-NTH; F NWY H; A Edi-YOR; A STP H;
F Swe-BAL; F Den-KIE

GERMANY (Grabar): A BUR-Bel; A HOL S A Bur-Bel; A Kie-RUH; A MUN-Bur

ITALY (Henry): F ION-Aeg; F NAP S AUSTRIAN F Tun-Ion; F Rom-TYN;
A Ven-PIE; A TYO-Mun; A SPA H; A PAR-Bur; F ENG S F Bel;
F BEL S F Eng

RUSSIA (Goodrich): A MOS H; A War-GAL; A Rum-BUL; A Ank-CON; F BLA S
A Ank-Con

TURKEY (Petrie?): NMR. F EAS H; F AEG H; A GRE H

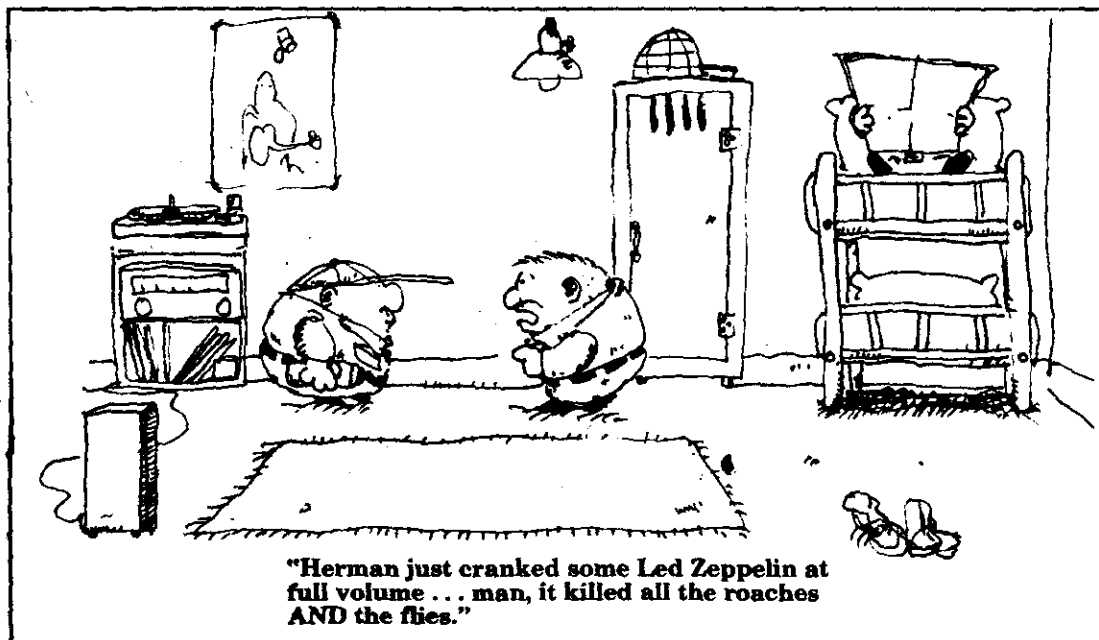
Oh, shit. I lost John's standby list, or what's left of it. So, would John Michalski, Rt 10 Box 526Q, Moore, OK 73165, please consider submitting standby orders for Turkey? All right, John, thanks a lot buddy. I do hope that Joe continues, but better be safe than sorry.

As to the game, all I've seen are alliances of convenience, with a duration of one or two seasons max. England seems sure to gain by the I/G war, and now calls the shots in the north. Russia and Austria are temporarily allied in the Balkans, but who knows where that will lead? Italy must now fight for additional centers, and is no longer blessed with superior positional strength, though he certainly can't complain. Let's continue the excitement with Fall 1909, due Tuesday, May 19, 1981.

PRESS

BER-ROM: DUMB! Very DUMB! You had a solid ally, and now you have a solid enemy.

AUSTRIA-WORLD: Write press or I'll be bored. I stab when bored.



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THE PERILS OF PAULINA
(as featured in the
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SLICE, SLASH, HACK

Fall 1909:

AUSTRIA (Blant): A Alb-GRE; A SER S A Alb-Gre; A Vie-BUD; A Rum-SEV;
F Tun-Ion/d/r to Naf, Wes, Otb
ENGLAND (Kirchner): NMR! F WAL, NTH, NWY, BAL, KIE H; A STP, YOR H
GERMANY (Grabar): A Bur-BEL; A HOL & A RUH S A Bur-Bel; A Mun-TYO
ITALY (Henry): A Par-BUR; A Pie-MAR; A SPA S A Pie-Mar; F Ion-TUN;
F TYN S F Ion-Tun; F Nap-ION; A Tyo-TRI; F Bel H/d/r to Pic, Otb;
F ENG S F Bel
RUSSIA (Goodrich): A MOS H; A Gal-RUM; A Con-SMY; F BLA S A Bul;
A BUL S AUSTRIAN A Alb-Gre
TURKEY (Michalski): F EAS S F Aeg; A Gre-Bul/d/destroyed; F AEG S
A Gre-Bul

Who's kidding who around here? I haven't seen so much blood since I walked in on my wife while she was... no never mind. I suppose I should call for a standby for England, though I suspect Eric will continue. So, will Arturo Guajardo, 3201 E. Greenlee Rd., Tucson, AZ 85716, please submit standby orders for England? I'd like to give you some background as to the alliances in this game Arturo, but I don't think there have been any to speak of. Gee, I hope you're still at the address I gave.

There was a question as to whether the Austrian S09 order of F Tun-Ion should succeed or not, since it was supported by Italian F Nap. The answer is no, since Italy is not allowed to assist in dislodging one of her own units (SELF-DISLODGEEMENT PROHIBITED; IX,3).

Autumn 1909, Winter 1909, and Spring 1910 will be due Thursday, June 5, 1981.

1909	#	NET	COUNTRY	CENTERS
	5	0 or +1	Austria	Bud, Ty , Vie, Ser, Ty , GRE, SEV
	8	+1	England	Home, Nwy, Swe, StP, Den, KIE
	4	0	Germany	Ber, Kie , Mun, Hol, BEL
	10	+1 or +2	Italy	Home, Spa, Bre, Por, Mar, Par, Bel , TRI, TUN
	6	+1	Russia	Bel , War, Mos, Rum, Ank, SMY, BUL
	1	-1	Turkey	Con, Bel , Bel , Bel
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PRESS

WORLD-AUSTRIA: We're bored with you too. Bye.

BUD-MOS: Why War-Gal? Do you like the Limeys in St. Pete? Well, maybe you won't mind red in Sevastopol.

ROM-BER: A solid enemy on a solid path to elimination. Not so dumb to me. BER: Oh, the pain!

BUD-GER: Hang in there. England likes to stab, maybe one of these jokers will wake up and realize you could throw the momentum to the other.

VIENNA: Michalski as a standby? Shit. I'd rather have Curtis Gibson.

SEVASTOPOL: I guess the aged Sultan heard the call of Jesus. Dat's OK. I can crunch Polacks just like Wasps.

RHODES-WORLD: You guys are right. Why bother to negotiate? Turkey's just dogmeat now. Isn't it? Hmmm?

LON-VIE: Why write press for you? You're an asshole.

MOORE-PAULINA: Wow, what a spot! If I'm lucky, I'll have a unit left. Joe had the right idea: chuck this. Can I order units into CD and blame him? Why didn't you name Pilant? This is more his type spot than mine. Or Peggy Gemignani maybe. Or Crud Martin. ((Because it's YOU I love, John))

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IRRESISTIBLE FORCES
CRUSH GERMANY

Autumn 1909: Austria retreats F Tyrrhenian Otb, Italy retreats F Belgium to Picardy

Winter 1909: Austria builds A Vienna; England sent no build, plays one unit short; Italy builds A Venice; Russia builds A Warsaw; Turkey sent no removal, GM removes F Aegean

Spring 1910:

AUSTRIA (Blant): A Bud-TRI; A VIE S A Bud-Tri; A Ser S A Bud-Tri/d/r to Alb, Bud, Otb; A Sev-UKR; A GRE H

ENGLAND (Kirchner): F NTH S ITALIAN F Pic-Bel; F Nwy-SWE; F Bal-BER; F KIE S F Bal-Ber; F WAL H; A STP H; A YOR H

GERMANY (Grabar): A Tyo-MUN; A RUH S A Bel; A HOL S A Bel; A Bel S A Hol/d/destroyed

ITALY (Henry): A Tri-TYO; A VEN S A Tri-Tyo; A Mar-PIE; A Spa-MAR; F Pic-BEL; A BUR & F ENG S F Pic-Bel; F Ion-ADR; F Tun-ION; F TYN S F Tun-Ion

RUSSIA (Goodrich): A War-MOS; A Mos-SEV; F BLA S A Mos-Sev; A Rum-SER; A BUL S A Rum-Ser; A SMY H

TURKEY (Michalski?): NMR. F EAS H

Things are looking a mite plainer now, bad news for at least one of you, or perhaps it's good news. If John Michalski NMRs again, Turkey will lapse into Civil Disorder, never to be heard from again. Mike Henry has asked that I include phone numbers for everyone here, but I don't have everyone's, so would you all send me your phone number with your next set of orders? Thanks.

Summer and Fall 1910 will be due Saturday, June 20, 1981.

PRESS

BER-ROM: Now you have stabbed everyone! Tisk, tisk, 10 units just aren't enough. You'll learn.

A/H-ITALY: Does this mean no more late night phone calls?

A/H-ITALY: The game finally gets interesting and now you want to get rid of me. What do you mean "WORLD-A/H"? Pretty presumptuous. Russia and Germany aren't bored with me. They find me interesting now that my sole purpose in this game is to stop you.

A/H-ITS PEOPLE: "Your leader is not an asshole."

Contribution

BIRTH OF A CANDY BAR

One Payday, Mr Goodbar wanted to have a Bit-O-Honey, so he took Ms. Hershey behind the Power House on the corner of Clark and Fifth Avenue. He began to feel her Mounds and that was pure Almond Joy which made his Tootsie Roll. He let out a Snicker as his Butterfinger went into her KitKat and caused a Milky Way. She screamed "Oh Henry" as she squeezed his Peter Paul and Zagnuts. "You're even better than the Three Musketeers" Soon she was a bit Chunky and nine months later she had a Baby Ruth.

IRKSOME!

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SPECIAL EDITION FOR FADE AWAY

JUNE 5, 1981

I have now heard definately from a majority of players in the game that they want it moved. They were Byrne, Arnawoodian, Stebbins, and Michalski. I have also been assured that Sherwood, Mainardi, and Martin are also in favor of the move. So this is an official notice that Winter 1902 and Spring 1903 moves for the game are due to me at noon CDT on June 20, 1981. Here's a reprint of last season:

FADE AWAY 81R FALL 1902 IN LEGIBLE FORM

AUSTRIA(Michalski)	A Bud-TRI, F ALB & A SER & A VIE S A Bud-Tri.
ENGLAND(Stebbins)	F Ska-DEN, F NTH & F HEL S F Ska-Den, A Wal-LON.
FRANCE(Martin)	A Gas-BUR, A PAR S A Gas-Bur, A Spa-MAR, <u>F ENG C ENG A Wal-Naf(NSO),</u> <u>F MID C ENG A Wal-Naf(NSO).</u>
GERMANY(Sherwood)	F KIE S A Den, <u>A MUN-Bur</u> , A Bur-PIC, A BEL S A Bur-Pic, F HOL S A Bel, <u>A Den blows kisses at Kathy(imp, d, ann.)</u>
ITALY(Mainardi)	F Apu-ADR, <u>F Ion S F Apu-Adr(d, ret Apu, Tun, Tyn, Otb),</u> A TYR S A Tri, <u>A TRI S A Tyr(d,ann),</u> A VEN S A Tri.
RUSSIA(Byrne)	F NWY S A Fin-Swe, A Fin-SWE, F BAL S ENG F Ska-Den, A Sil-BER, A GAL S AUS A Vie, A RUM H(and winks at Woody!).
TURKEY(Woody)	F Eas-ION, F AEG S F Eas-Ion, A GRE H, A Con-BUL.

1902 SUPPLY CENTERS	TOT	HAS	B/R
AUS Bud Ser Vie xxx TRI	4	4	even
ENG Home xxx DEN	4	4	even
FRA Home Spa Por	5	5	even
GER Kie Mun Hol Bel xxx xxx	4	5	rem 1 (1 ann)
ITA Home Tun xxx	4	4	even (1 ann)
RUS Home Rum Swe BER NWY	8	6	bld 2
TUR Home Bul GRE	5	4	bld 1
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NOTE NOTE NOTE: that the Italian
F Ionian must retreat-this wasn't
mentioned on Brad's sheet.

Let me mention my plans for next month--I'm going to Germany on June 23 and will be gone 5 weeks. For my other IRKSOME games I'M having John Michalski gGM the season due July 11. Of course he can't do this game. I've asked Bob Osuch if he would do me the favor, but He hasn't gotten back to me yet. If he wouldn't be able to do it, does anybody have anyone else in mind that could do it? Let me know with your orders.

Press: it seems to me someone told me this was a black press game. Is that true? I'll leave it as that unless I get majority against it.

I really use the word Really a lot.

Money: I really don't know how to handle this. I really doubt if Brad Wilson will forward any game fees to me. I know you guys already paid for this game, but xeroxing ain't cheap and I'm only a poor college student...well, I won't ask for my \$3 game fee but maybe now I've made you feel guilty enough to send a donation. You don't have to sub to Brutus Bulletin to get IRKSOME, by the way.

Let's forget the past and get fighting again. Welcome to my IRKSOME nut house.

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before Midnight please

NEWS FLASH: Just got a note from Dick. That makes 5!

IRKSOME!

 may
30,
1981

AND NOW FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE....IRKSOME #2 OPENS WITH BLOODSUCKER JR.'S DEBUT TO THE HOBBY (YOU OTHER PUBBERS CAN JUST EAT YOUR HEART OUT...)

AUSTRIA	Mark Cummings, 819 E Main, Hoopeston, IL 60942
ENGLAND	Randy Ellis, 8310 Grandview Ln, Overland Park, KS 66212
FRANCE	Jim Kostenick, 20425-68th Ave W #C-16, Lynnwood, WA 98036
GERMANY	Bob Forman, 3580 Arizona Ave, Los Alamos, NM 87544
ITALY	Phyllis Byrne, 160-02 43rd Ave., 2nd Floor, Flushing, NY 11358
RUSSIA	Dave Gareipy, 179 E Maumee Ave, Napoleon, OH 43545
TURKEY	Ken Iverson, 52 Sawmill Rd, Gilbert, MN 55741

OK, people, let's get to it! Spring 1901 is due at noon CDT on June 20, 1981. Due to my own plans for the summer, the first few deadlines will be three weeks apart. Fall '01 will be due July 11 to John Michalski (I'll give his address next time) and Winter '01 will be due Aug. 1 to me. After that we'll go back to two week deadlines. The Italian player should not be confused with the infamous Kathy Byrne of the same address; Phyllis is the Bloodsucker's daughter, and I hear she is just as crafty as her mom...Press will be as defined in my HRs. Ready, set, GO!!!

IRKSOME #1 80LM

SEASONS SEPARATED AGAIN! MARIE'S LAST ISSUE! SHAGGY DOG FINALLY ENDS!

WINTER 1904

ENGLAND(Vaughan)	Rem A YOR, F CLY; has F EDI.
FRANCE(Sherwood)	Bld A PAR; also has F WES, A LON, F ENG, A LVP, F NAT, A BUR.
GERMANY(Stephens)	Bld A KIE, A BER; also has A BEL, A RUH, A MUN, F SWE, F NTH.
ITALY(Palter)	Even; has A BOH, A VIE, A BUD, A SER, F GRE, F ADR, F ION, F ALB, A TYO.
RUSSIA(Gareipy)	Bld A WAR; also has F BOT, A NWY, A GAL, A SEV, F BLA.
TURKEY(Wilson) ***	Even; has A BUL, F EAS, F AEG, A CON.

Spring 1905 moves are due at noon CDT on June 20, 1981. I didn't receive anything from Brad Wilson for the second consecutive deadline, and even though the seasons happened to be separated and he had no builds, I'm going to ask Kerry Blant, PO Box 263, Decatur IL 62525 to submit stand-by orders for Turkey. Brad Wilson's possible departure wasn't completely unexpected; the exact reasons may become clear later, but for now I'll just say that I got stuck in the middle of a dispute he's on one side of. I really hope he decides to finish out this game though. I have 505 moves on file for all other powers.

PRESS

PARIS-GM: It looks like this just wasn't Minnesota's year for hockey. You might say the North Stars took a GORING! (har har)

MUN-GM: Too bad about the Stars, eh? The Isles were just too strong. Really, I thought the Stars made a lot of mental mistakes, particularly in the first three games. They will be back though. I was pleased to see the best team win. Now, my only problem is what to do until I get my next hockey fix.

GM: Did you know that this means that in the last 15 years each of Minnesota's pro teams (Twins, Vikings, Kicks, Stars) has made it to the Championship round in their sports and lost? Can any other city top that. Bobby's right, the Stars will be back. I'm not giving away my inflatable Dino yet! As for fixing that urge for hockey, try soccer. For me, hockey just satisfies my soccer urge in the winter!!

MORE PRESS: DIRTY DEEDS DONE DIRTY CHEAP

FRANCE-GERMANY: Okay, here I come. And when I get finished with you you're gonna wish you hadn't invited me in!

???-KEITH: Good news! The rabbit pulled through by the hare of his chinny-chin-chin! 'ar! 'ar!

RIDDLES FROM AROUND EUROPE

ITALY: What's red and crawls up your leg? A homesick abortion.

WALES: What's black and white and getting whiter all the time? Atlanta.

??? : What's black and white and black and white and black and white? A nun falling down the stairs.

TURKEY: I heard that Sherwood is going to start a zine called Naval Strange. Is it true?

PARIS-GM: Speaking of the fake LOM, your handwritten 13 looks a lot more like Del Grande's 13 than my handwritten 13.

MIN-ROM: It's your play.

MUN-PAR: It's your play.

MUN-MUN: It's your play.

KEITH: If I can't have Marie (and since she's never around anyway) how about Beth? Can you corrupt her, Scott, and get her to write in your zine?

BETH-KEITH: Scott can try to corrupt me, but I'm awfully pure. ((That's a laugh)) Whatcha doing tonight?

GM: Have any of you seen Woody Allen's "Love and Death"? Cast Keith as the herring dealer, and Beth as Diane Keaton. She's lying, and he's dumb enough to believe her.

???-ENGLAND: Support must be cut from the side.

SHAGGY DOG PART VII: So little Scotty Hanson walked next door to the Army recruiter and asked to enlist. The recruiter chuckled and asked him why he wanted to enlist at so young an age. Scotty said, "Well, it all started when I heard a word I didn't know out on the playground so I asked my teacher, but she sent me to the principal's office. I asked him and he sent me home. When I told Mom she sent me to my father, and he kicked me out of the house. So I went to the Marines, but when they heard my story they threw me out, so I went to the Navy, but they told me to come see you." "And what's the word?" "Purple violets." The recruiter burst out laughing. "OK, you can join the Army. Go across the street and get outfitted." But as he crossed the street, little Scotty Hanson was hit by a Mack truck and died. MORAL OF THE STORY: Look both ways when you cross the street. (The End) ((We waited 3½ months for THAT???)

ITALY-RUSSIA & TURKEY: Hey, you guys, do that again.

SOFIA: Now that I've fooled everyone into thinking I'm an incompetent bungler, I'll put the master plan into action.

BETH-BOBBY: I love your accent. Are your jokes any better than Keith's??

GERMANY-TURKEY: Naw...how about Sherwood and Stephens? They are both at seven units and are about to fight. With both at 7 the battle will last a long time. Of course they might get smart and become allied again, but that's unlikely. Or is it?

BUD-MOS: Your days are numbered. Give up.

LOS ALAMOS: New Mexico has always been known for liars and cheaters. Just look at Bobby Unser. ((Tro Sherwood interrupted a beautiful hangover at 9:30 Sat. morning for that piece of press. I hope it was worth it!! May you get killed by Germany!!!))

TYA-MUN: Support Russia, will you? Now I'm after you.

LITTLE KEITH-ER-WILSON: Yes, I've always been the curious type. So I went and asked all the other Wilsons I know if they did it with dogs and got doors slammed in my face. So far you're the only pervert I've found.

TUNIS: Either withdraw from the Mediterranean or we're at war!!

DAVE G-MARIE: Hey, Darling, what about me? I've got something that none of the others have: an entire motel! We have 200 rooms! And you can pick any one of them you want. 200 chances to get lucky. Forget that teeny-bopper Sherwood, drop the fag from Texas, ask Wilson some question about European Histaory ((and Scott about spelling)) and

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MAY 30, 1981

STILL MORE PRESS: ROTTEN LEFTOVERTURES

DAVE G-MARIE(cont): drop him. Remember, I'm the man with the goods. Just don't come down on a holiday--we're booked and you'd have to sleep with me and my wife in our room. Wait a minute, that has some possibilities...

DOUGIE((Who?))-MARIE: I sure hope my history tutoring was enough to help you in your class. Maybe next time you come here we can do something besides history. (But you know me and my history.)((Dougie??))

Well, like I said, this was Marie's last issue. School's almost over, and by next issue she will be in Cold Spring. And she didn't even bother to write anything for her last issue! She probably won't be back next year, either. Never fear, Beth will be around for half the summer (unfortunately for you guys the same half I'll be gone) and will be back in September. I've known Beth since high school, so I can vouch that she does indeed fit the mentality of you guys in IRKSOME.

I do hope you all remembered me and IRKSOME when you were voting in the Leeder Zine and GM Poll. If you've been hiding under a rock or something and don't know what it is, you just list all the zines you get and the GMs you play for and give each a whole number rating from 0 to 10, 10 being best. You can vote for subzines separate from their parent zines. Then just sign your ballot, print your name and one way you were involved in the hobby (so John knows your vote is legitimize) and mail it to John Leeder, 121 19th Ave NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 1N9, Canada so he receives it before June 30. Please put zines and GMs on separate sheets and in alphabetical order to make it easier for John. I'm hoping that we get enough votes in both polls to be listed (that means 3 of you) and that I score at least average. This will probably be printed in BE after the poll is over, and that's on purpose--I only want to beg for votes from my players.

The U of M must have classes later than any other school in the country. Last class is June 6 with finals ending June 13. Then we don't start next fall until Sept. 28. Does anybody know of a school that starts or ends later??

You guys may as well be the first to know...after I get back this August I plan to start pubbing a REAL zine. It will be called DIPSOMANIA (a real word-look it up!!) and it will feature mimeo printing, a cheap price (between 30¢ and 35¢ per issue), and the same kind of half-serious, half-ridiculous style you see here. I plan to send a lot of copies of issue number 1...so look for it! (I hope all this advance notice doesn't mean fakes coming out your ears like it did for EUROPA EXPRESS.)

Dick Martin's next issue of RETALIATION (aka GRAB DOTS!, UP WITH ELSIE, SCOTCH BRAND TAPE, YOUR MILEAGE MAY VARY...) will be a huge anniversary issue, and the sucker is asking for articles. Dick will print anything that will fit into a xerox machine, and we subbers are going to try to send in enough ~~shit~~ material to make him go over 100 pages. Can we do it? Send a few stamps to Dick Martin, 26 Orchard Way N, Rockville MD 20854...and tell him Killer Hanson sent you! (Just because I wiped him out in Maniacal...is that any reason for him to call me such names???)

Next issue will be SMALL TOWN JOKE issue. Send in your best answers to the statement "My hometown is so small that..." See if you can beat any of mine.

T-t-t-t-that's all folks.

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80D

COMING DOWN TO THE WIRE.....

June 5, 1981

Right on time for once.....

Winter, 1916: England builds F LON, F EDI; Germany builds A MUN only, will play one short

SPRING, 1917:

ENGLAND (Blant): F Lon-ENG; F Naf-MID; F EDI S F Nth; A Arm-ANK; A CON S F Arm-Ank; A SEV, Fs SMY, WES, NTH, NWG, BAR, TYN, ION, AEG, NAP, APU H

GERMANY (Cummings): A BUL S A Alb-Gre; A SER S A Alb-Gre; A Alb-GRE; F DEN, HOL H; A BUR, BOH H; A Mar H/NSU; A ROM S A Ven; A VEN S A Rom; A TRI S A Ven; A TUS S A Rom; A GAL S A Rum; A RUM S A Bul; A PIE S A Mar

RUSSIA (Kirchner): NMR! F Ank U, H/d/r Bla, Otb

TURKEY (Becker): F Gre-Bul/ann.

OK, folks, only one last chance to stab and that's it. Of course while there is a call for the E-G draw to pass this fall, either R or T could still vote no. On the other hand, if both E & G were to vote yes for Winter 1917 as well as F'07, it might well save you a season and the ol' GM some stamps. So, be sure to vote with this next season's moves, NVR=yes. FALL, 1917 will be due with my mail received at home FRIDAY, June 19, 1981. Press follows.

GRE: Oh please spare me.

BUL: Bite the big one and shut up.

ENG-ITALY: A valiant effort or a foolish suicide. The GM used Germany's "battle of the bulge" well, Hitler wasn't dumb, he was a maniac and the families of the soldiers on both sides who needlessly died would most certainly agree with the latter prognosis. I propose a 17-17 draw, long live honest alliances.



Courtesy SSAM 11-80

CONTRIBUTION

--from a Minnesota machine shop going on its second year of 48 hour minimum
workweek. Courtesy Dave Ditter

OH HUSBAND, DEAR HUSBAND, I TREMBLE WITH FEAR,
YOU'VE BEEN ON OVERTIME ALMOST A YEAR.
AND SINCE YOU ARE GONE, SO LATE AT NIGHT,
A GOOD PIECE OF ASS SEEMS WAY OUT OF SIGHT.

OH HUSBAND, DEAR HUSBAND, PLEASE DON'T BE A FOOL.
WORKING THIS OVERTIME IS WASTING YOUR TOOL.
FOR BETTER IT IS TO BE POOR ALL YOUR LIFE
THAN TO BRING HOME A SOFT PETER TO YOUR DEAR WIFE.

I USED TO BE HAPPY AS YOUR LITTLE QUEEN,
BUT NOW EVERY NIGHT YOU'RE NO WHERE TO BE SEEN.
YOU COME HOME FROM WORK JUST ABLE TO CREEP
I FEEL LIKE SCREWING, BUT YOU WANT TO SLEEP.

EACH MORNING, DEAR HUSBAND, YOU CRAWL INTO BED,
YOUR INTENTIONS ARE GOOD, BUT YOUR PECKER IS DEAD.
I PLAY WITH YOUR BALLS, ALL WRINKLED AND DRY
AND I GET SO DAMNED MAD, I COULD LAY DOWN AND CRY.

I HAVE PLEADED WITH YOU DEAR, WITH TEARS IN MY EYES,
I'VE PLAYED WITH YOUR BALLS, BUT YOUR PECKER WON'T RISE.
I KNOW I'LL FIND ME A MAN WHO WORKS EIGHT HOURS A DAY,
AND WHILE YOU'RE ON O.T., WE'LL PROCEED TO MAKE HAY.

FOR IN THIS WORLD THERE IS ONLY ONE SIN,
FOR WHICH IS NO PARDON, AND NEVER HAS BEEN.
AND THAT IS A MAN SO FOOLISH AND MEAN
THAT HE GIVES UP HIS FUCKING TO RUN A MACHINE.....

Feature

EVERYTHING #48

The latest issue of EVERYTHING, results zine of the BNC put out now by Bernard Sampson, has reported the results of 24 additional games. Austria has taken a big jump up in this set of results; Germany has collapsed after a number of above-average issues; France and Turkey are a little off, with Italy up. Using the Calhamer Point system, 1 point for a win, 1/3 of a point for a 3 way draw, etc., gives the following results for countries:

Points earned by country, then % of those points compared to the mathematical average of 3.43 CP (24.00÷7.00 countries)

Austria	England	France	Germany	Italy	Russia	Turkey
04,+76%	3.83,+12%	2.53,-26%	1.00,-71%	4.28,+25%	4.37,+27%	1.95,-43%

of wins per country:

4	2	1	-0-1	3	2	1
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there were a total of 13 wins out of 21 games, or 54%.

following is the number of times that the given country either won OR drew out of 24 games played: Austria, 10/24, 42%; England, 8/24, 33%; France, 6/24, 25%; Germany, 4, 12%; Italy, 7/24, 29%; Russia, 9/24, 38%; and Turkey, 5/24, 21%

LETTERS

Bruxus Linseed (The Voice of Doom)

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BB#89 here today, with lots to discuss.

On Arnett's little letter; what's eating the guy, anyway? What did I ever do to him? No, I didn't seduce his wife when I was in Virginia Beach, try as I might. She just doesn't go for ugly black sheep like me. No, I've never stabbed him in Dippy; in fact he beat me in the two two-man games we played. I have no idea why he's even mad at me, and I think the first step in any argument is to tell the other guy what's bugging you.

On Ozog's attack on Masters: I have no opinion because I don't know the facts. But I feel you were too generous to LaFosse in your reply. As one of the guys who was ripped off by Bill LaFosse, I don't give a shit whether he has personal problems or whatever -- I'd like my money back, and until it comes, I consider Bill a thief. Yes, Bill has a good sense of humor. Yes, TTT was fun to read. But let me tell you this: if I ever had to fold VD, you can bet your ass nobody would lose a dime -- even if I had to borrow to refund all the \$\$\$\$. As a result, I feel very strongly about publishers who do steal money. If Billy boy lived in this country, I'd probably file a complaint against him with the BBB, or something like that. I hate crooks; sympathy for them isn't my long suit.

Would you please print the rest of the sentence which was comprised in part by the third line lastish -- you know, the one about the "quiver of her thighs against his cheeks..."?

If the report of AH going to plastic pieces is accurate, then I'm disgusted. That's the way they make it in Britain now, but it sucks. Another case of coporate el-cheapoism. Unfortunately, Front de Fraud hasn't folded yet; the report was in error.

I have to agree with the guy who said that the subzines take away from BB. Not that I really mind them, but the letters, John's notes, and your stuff generally are much more fun to read. I understand why they're there, though....

You are dead wrong about the other thing.

Hey, use your WATS line on me too, sometimes! Can I charge to your number? (Well, being Jewish DOES have its advantages...) Thank you for your compliment on my press from '79iid. I agree that it was about as sick, and therefore as good, as any press ever seen.

Are you r3ally folding with #100? I hope to hell not.

Allen Wells is entirely correct -- and I speak with the experience of one who has traveled extensively throughout New England. Massachusetts is a putrid state, full of garbage and shit. Vermont, to the north, is one of the most serene and beautiful states east of the Rockies. I lived in Mass once, too. Maybe that's why I'm the way.

In one sense, anyway, I feel it's good for the world that all of these famous people are being assassinated. Nothing against the Pope or Reagan or Lennon -- I like all three of them a lot. But by being shot, they are providing a service because now half the world is riled up and everyone's pissed at people who like to go around rip. I feel that this anger on the part of the civilized world is healthy, and I thank the three assassins for helping to perpetuate it.

What a pity that Lee is giving up the BNs. I feel that this is one of the most thankless tasks in the hobby, and that Lee did a damn good job where others had be lax. The hobby will be sorry to see him step down, me included.

Just for posterity, and because many of your current subbers weren't around first revealed this, I'd like to repeat what I once said (and I intend to prove at GenCon east):

BRUX LINSEY EATS DIARRHEA.

Thank you, and good night.

Gary Coughlan doesn't have any hair. Instead, he has earthworms growing out of his head.

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Response to Linseed

((Now there's a show I wouldn't want to miss!

It's hard to answer your letter directly, because so much of it touches on stuff that is covered well in other letters this issh, most of which arrived along with yours today. Such luck for me: Claudine is coming home from vacation VERY soon, so I'd better get cracking on doing this up BEFORE she gets back. (She gets sick of the sound of typing, just knowing it has something to do with gaming). Allen comments on the gun business; Jim Vaughn, a former MA subber, replies (sort of) to Allen's Massachusetts attack, which you and Allen remark upon; which doesn't leave me much to say. At least, not to say any better than they can. So instead,

isn't that something the way Israel blew up that Iraqi reactor? I don't think that Iraq was really very near a bomb, but like they said, later it would have been worse. Of course it also helps the Begin campaign at home in Israel. I'm not as pro-Israel as many Americans, but as long as Israel pays only lip service to the niceties while backing it up with armed force whenever the hell they feel the urge, I do admire their spirit. I thought it was a nice gesture. I wish the US paid less attention to looks and more to doing whatever needed doing. We would now be occupying the NW corner of the Persian Gulf, e.g., and taking all the oil we needed while it lasts, at maybe \$4 a barrel. We could sell it to Japan in exchange for autos, if anyone still wanted to buy them, and foreign (European) sales would balance our budget and then some. Ah, if only Boardman's Imperial Amerika were not just a shadow in that shadowy mind...)) J.M.

ALLEN WELLS (Dot Happy)

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Oh, boy. LOTS of responses to your letter column this time. But, before I start, I will match your "courtesy copy, I guess" and raise you a \$6 mutual sub.

OK, here we go. Re Steve Langley's letter:

Steve, your conception of the impact of electronic mail has some serious flaws (i.e., it's not right). Electronic mail will hit, and soon, in two ways: 1. Businesses. As "office of the future" smart equipment starts hitting (at the low end similar to the IBM and Wang word processors, at the high end similar to the Xerox "star"), they almost have electronic mail options. This allows messages to be communicated locally through the computer nets and to remote branches via WATS lines (similar to the Xerox "internet"). This technology will be pushed by the recent introductions by Bell, Rolm, and, I beleive, Northern Telecom that allow a phone PBX to be used as a computer net (albeit at only 9600 baud as yet.) The technology will be further driven by cheapening satellite communications starting with crude systems like the IBM-Comsat deal leading to more sophisticated (and cheaper) mixed-technology systems like the Xerox "X-ten" proposal which now has FCC approval. Eventually, different businesses will start linking together for cross-business communication in a method similar to the "ARDA-net" that currently links the top computer science research facilities in the US and is used mostly for electronic mail. 2. Homes: This will be spurred by the fact that RIGHT NOW the phone is as cheap as letters, if you do it right. Mimimum connect long-distance charge seems to be 18¢ (sound like a familiar number?). You could connect two computers, hobby type, even Apple IIs and Trash-80s would do) through a phone connection and transmit, say, 20 pages of text during a matter of a few seconds. If Ma Bell caught on to the implications of this (as someplaces in Bell labs have) and lowered the basic connection fee, hobby computers would probably start offering this as an option REAL fast.

Granted, this will happen slower than #1, but the economics ARE there and it WILL happen. As to the USPS, it will just fade away and the few times people actually want to send letters, they will send them with express mail or UPS. As to your idea of local delivery, that is WRONG. Currently household to household is HEAVILY subsidized by chargin businesses extra. Home delivery is the expensive part of this. What WILL happen is centralized offices will open in which you can have an "electronic post office box" and you can PICK UP your mail there.

Re Gregg Stebbins: Greg, you actually LIKE the Star Trek movie, and can stand to watch it ten times? I could easily watch "The trouble with Tribbles" episode 10 times, but

I'll bet Kathy Howe could hold her own vs. Mrs. Arnett. You used the closest word for her. I really

MUST get Fluff Shaffer over there sometime. Talk about beauty and the beast...

Wells, conclusion

the movie?? Being a Trekkie from way back, I managed to see the first public showing in the US of "Star Trek-the Movie". I've rarely been so disappointed. The first 5 minutes (with the Klingons) was SUPERB, EXCELLENT, but after that it all went down hill radically. The special effects were poorly done (why did the ship radiate those tacky colored lines when it went into light-speed?), the acting was even more wooden than on the TV show (except maybe McCoy). The Vger pun was obvious from a mile away. Sorry, pal, give me the old TV shows any day.

Re Mark Lew: Mark, you're definitely right, Empire surpassed Star Wars. From the majesty of Vader's theme (Bum, dum, dum, da-da-dum, pa-da-Dum! I love it, it just REEKS lawful-evil for all you D&D fans) to the cinematography (like the city in the clouds and those marvelous shots taken in your own home state), to the effects of the "walkers"(skreeeee-eeeeee—thud, hee, hee, I loved it!). I can't wait to see #6. Lucas has managed to recruit about half the top names in computer graphics from universities and brought them to "Lucas-labs" where they have a battery of IBM 370s, Dec system 20s, Vax IIs, perks, and all sorts of other goodies. The only thing I can't stand is how long it takes between movies, but the wait is worth it!

Re Berch, Bates, et all (including you, John): about Gun Control (time to add my two bits!) First, a little comparison (say of Japan vs Italy). When the Pope travels in Italy, he is guarded by an armed motorcycle escort with mobs of secret service agents in the crowds. In Japan his ONLY protection was a circle of policemen with special tennis raquets to ward off thrown objects.

In Massachusetts, there are zillions of killings, but almost no shootings. Am I in favor of gun control? No, not really. Why? Because it does little good against crime. In Massachusetts people tend not to use guns in crimes, which I HEARTILY commend, but it is NOT because of gun control! If they wanted a gun, they could EASILY get one. (In fact, for assassinations they still do. A deputy DA was singled out for killing 6 months back and got shot just outside an MIT dorm). The international black market in guns is HUGE and NOT easily stopped. What stops gun deaths in Massachusetts is the MANDATORY sentence for ANYONE using a gun in ANY CRIME. Crooks and hoods quickly find out that you get nailed if you use a gun, so they use knives instead, and more people live through knifings (a friend's friend here got knifed over 40 times and lived, anyone have a friend shot 40 times?), and people with knives are less cocky. (I had another friend who just dropped his stuff, backed into a karate stance, and said "Try it, you fuckers" when 3 people tried to mug him. They ran. Someone with a gun would have shot.)

So, the moral of this story? Making guns illegal doesn't help much, stiff penalties against their use does. Furthermore, even the NRA won't complain about stiff fines for people using guns in crimes! End of comments on letters.

OK, John, back to you. I've got some bad news for you. Jack Masters was wrong on two counts. LeFront and Tetracuspid both dropped an issue in my mailbox within a week of Jack's announcement. Tetracuspid was, indeed, late. LeFront has been coming out regularly. Somehow Jack seemed to have gotten off B.O.s sub list.

Well, I guess that's all for this month. I probably forgot some things, but who cares? Maybe I'll send out more next time.

PS An update on my last letter. I found out that Kevin White (Boston's mayor) was re-elected for his second term from prison.

PPS Update on my "making it OUT of Massachusetts": I just accepted a job in Vermont. Starting date, the beginning of September.

((Congratulations. I'm sure Linsey adds his. Don't miss the Vaughn letter below. Why not try his suggestion on submitting the letter to a paper, say the last week of August there?

Not only is the hobby fraudzine and the farcial Tetra back, but that other worthless deadbeat, Phil Fry, also coughed up another "issue". Hmm, that's almost 5 in 8 or 9 months. A little slower and he'll match Kovalcik's pathetic showing listed by Masters in the current EAST OF EDEN #10. Kovalcik runs 70 days between issues—sorry, make that 70 days after deadline—yet writes to Masters to compa in that Jack criticized his zine. That kind of thing shows the type of real assholes you find in this hobby. Not just irresponsible, but damn PROUD of it. (Isn't Kovalcik in Massachusetts now?) I heartily endorse your gun-use example. It seems odd that something like that, which

Response to Wells, cont'd

seems sensible, has examples to show its merit, and should logically have NO opposition (I mean, hell, even a liberal of "high principles" wouldn't be opposed to mandatory sentences for gun use in crimes, although their warps of logic can often amaze), and yet we rarely see such laws on the books. Why is that? Remind me to ask Linsey if it is all some kind of secret Jewish conspiracy...

Vader's theme IS impressive, so much so that my 5 year old, who was just 4 when EMPIRE came out, can hum the tune as well as I can. Still, SW is in a class by itself, and always will be. It can never be excelled, for it defines the genre. EMPIRE is of a different cut, but WAS pretty good. After 16 SWs I was still ready for more, whereas 14 EMPs was about it for me. The Walkers were superb, but I feel that the personality issue, insofar as it applies to the normal humans anyhow, demeans them. The ship designs were nice, the story pretty good overall, but I would go for SW first anyway.

The protection of the Pope in Italy vs Japan might also reflect the relative value the two countries place on him, hey?

How do you see business being charged extra? It seems to me that other than reply permit numbers (which do cost more, but require a lot more postal WORK too), they usually get a break. I can't pre-sort BBs by ZIP and get 2¢/oz knocked off; I can't use bulk rate or non-profit rate, nor can I afford the convenience of a machine except to pay for the face value of someone else's (a business); do you think it would be cheaper to deliver all the odds and ends going out via some other, non-postal system? I suspect you would not be too familiar with business output if you answered affirmatively.

Well, I certainly appreciate your writing. Good luck on your new job, which should provide you with the ready use of a free typewriter... (Mr Tact, that's me. Just ask Luscious Byrne.)) J.M.

JIM VAUGHAN

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Yes, I have a comment on that letter and the uselessness of it explains why I dropped my subscription to BB. People with a mentality like Allen Wells need your magazine for no other reason than because they don't dare send their comments to a paper in the Boston area, or better yet, the MIT newspaper. 90% of what Mr Wells brought up exists in the other 49 states and the other 10% didn't make sense (typical of the college students in this state). But I guess my biggest question is this, Allen, did you really leave Vermont so naive that it took your 4 years to find out what the real world was like? Or did you leave Vermont looking for an education that wasn't available there?

I don't know what prompted Mr Wells' letter, nor do I care. To spare the readers of anymore useless nonsense like Mr Wells' letter, I suggest you leave finance, taxes, politics, etc., to professional publications and devote the space which you would have left to Diplomacy or better yet, don't print anything in its place and cut your postal costs.

But now John, for a comment you made in Murdrin' Ministers. If you think the slow postal service up here is a farce, then don't take my word for it, ask Allen Wells. He ran a nice long article in DOT HAPPY as well as a personal survey on mailing times and service based on using a large FIRST CLASS stamp and not using one. The fact is I wouldn't mind three week deadlines if my postal service was consistent, but it isn't and it appears I must suffer through the one 3-week deadline game I am in. But I'm proud to say it didn't take me 4 years to figure it out.

If it means anything to you, I gave BB an 8 in the Leader Poll. Even though I honestly don't care for it, BB has a place above a lot of crap which has flooded my mailbox.

((Yes, I do care, thanks. For the record, your letter was postmarked the 5th, Allen's above (in an issue of DH) the 3d, and both arrived here today, Monday the 8th. The only ready difference I can see is that DH, like MM, is cancelled via the "flats" system, i.e., hand-laid on a belt to roll-cancel the stamps, whereas BB and other letters ("letter-mail") can be dumped in a machine-hopper and be cancelled/sorted/sent on its way much faster. I suspect that if MM, e.g., were folded twice and tucked into an envelope, it would get there faster. Although you weren't able to give counterexamples, I do appreciate your writing. I think people appreciate it more to at least see someone present another side to such judgemental calls as this, whether agreeing with me or not.)) J.M.

OFFICE HOURS

**OPEN MOST DAYS ABOUT 7 or 8,
OCCASIONALLY AS EARLY AS 6, BUT
SOME DAYS AS LATE AS 12 or 1.**

**WE CLOSE ABOUT 5:30 or 6,
OCCASIONALLY ABOUT 4 or 5, BUT
SOMETIMES AS LATE AS 11 or 12.**

**SOME DAYS, OR AFTERNOONS, WE
AREN'T HERE AT ALL.**

Editorials & War News, from P.S. Palter's latest PINK DRAGON

NEWS FROM THE FRONT:

Indochina: The resistance war that supposedly isn't continues in Laos in SVietnam-units now up to batallion size making most Delta and Highland roads unsafe by night. Sound familar anyone? Meanwhile back in Cambodia the invincible NViets seem unable to come to grips with much less exterminate Pol Pot and his merry genocidal maniacs. Oh what a lovely war.

Afghanistan: The general banditary billed as a guerilla continues. Based on crossref of available sources Russian/puppet losses are in the 350-400/week range not counting puppet desertions, or indeed Russian desertions/defections (already had a tank and a copter bugout for the pys of Pakistan). Ivan will eventually win but on a purely attritional level and measured in decades. Stalin would have won already but then he was truely genocidal as opposed to merely bloodthirsty.

Iran-Iraq: the world's silliest war continues, sort of. The Iraquis seem unable to attack further in the face of almost no resistance while the Iranians seem unable to assemble, much less move an army. Leads to war by artillery duel plus intermitent airraid. The recent Iranian seizure of a USoil shi p should in that light be seen as a frantic attempt to bring back the Great Satan to hae-NUKE TEHRAN!

Lebanon: The Syrian attempt to provoke a war may yet succede but the US is taking proper care to cover the political/diplomatic bases so as to be internally able to stand beside its allies. Doubt we'll be allowed to take Damascus but a return to the Golan I should be amusing, no? Be interesting to see who Syria expects to stand beside it-Jordan which it threatened to invade last year? Egypt? Probably just the Saudis and Libya.

Chad: So far so good-Habre's troops are being regrouped on the Sudanese border aided by French, Egyptian, US & Israeli guns. The Libyans and their east German cadre have the capital, the road home and precious little else. Its not Carter time where our folks would have their legs shot off in a frantic effort to achieve peace-Russia made this mess with a bit of French help, let them find a road home.

South Morocco: STALEMATE-Hassan's cheery words aside he's withdrawn ~~into~~ into a set of enclaves around the high value targets. Prolisaro cann't get him out and he can't stop their raids, at least as long as Libya and Russia pick up the cost of the war. Very few truely Saharan fighters but then boundaries don't mean all that much in

the Sahara anyway and how many western reporters know enough to tell a malian or Nigerian taureg from a saharan one? This is the same system of recruitment that gives Quadalfi his Islamic legion. El Salvador: Our boys are winning, or at least for as long as we can stomach what we've crawled into bed with. Duarte is the prisoner of his defense minister who would have been regarded as an extremist in the Bunker in 45, but then he's an effectual extremist. Doubt if we'll need the 52 strikes but may need dynamite for a group that regards gang rape and murder as good public relations (yes I know the politics of the Maryknoll order but how many folks do?).

BOBBIE SANDS WHO CARES?

Ok, so he was young, once looked cute and was convicted in a method that would never stand up here (although not much worse than many US tribunals during our civil war). He was also a deliberate suicide egged on by his comrades. It's a truth of modern life that one man's freedom fighter is another man's street thug. Depending on where you were baptized you can pick which label applies. However, on a semiobjective level have a bit of pity for the Brits here. Yes Britain made the whole mess but the folks that made it are long dead - the ones running the show now weren't born when the last sellout occurred before WWI. If they pull out they'll be blamed for the blood the prods will spill; if they stay they provide targets for the Catholics. No win situation anyone?

VOODOO ECONOMICS-PHASE I

The phrase was originally used by our unfortunate veep while making his futile run last year. Nonetheless the voodoo seems to work; the dollar has appreciated some 23% since inauguration day; the recession has bottomed out; Congress is going along with most of the spending cuts and will pass some sort of a tax increase reduction. Let just hope that old black magic keeps on rolling - here's to a house majority in 82!

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FIFTH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN ZINE POLL BALLOT

courtesy of the BRUTUS BULLETIN

To:

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1980 participation (check one)

___Player in game___(1)

___Subber to___

___Other (indicate):

Zines:

APPALLING GREED

BLACK FROG

BOAST

BORN TO DIP

BRUTUS BULLETIN

CHEESECAKE

CHAMBER

CLAW & FANG

DIPLOMACY DIGEST

DIPLOMACY WORLD

DOGS OF WAR

DRAGON & the LAMB

DREADNOUGHT

EAST OF EDEN

EGGNOG

EMHAIN MACHA

EMPIRE

ENVOY

EUROPA EXPRESS

EVERYTHING

FLYING ORPHAN

LE FRONT DE LIB.

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INVASION

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JUST AMONG FRIENDS

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LIES, DECEIT, & N.S.

LIFE OF MONTY

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VOLKERWANDERUNG

WESTERN STAR DIPPY

WHITESTONIA

WHY ME?

Y ALL

OTHERS:

BUZZARD'S BREATH

LA CHAMELEON

FIELD OF FIRE

SNAFU!

Today's date:

10 is tops, 0 = the pits

signature

Your name: